

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed 13 November 2008.

Claims 1-18 and 22-26 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-18, 25 and 26 and rejected claims 22-24. The present Response cancels claims 22-24 without prejudice, leaving claims 1-18, 25 and 26 pending.

Since all rejected claims have now been canceled, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0869, under Order No. GEML 4671-3US, for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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